





Today's  
Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

SATURDAY NIGHT NEXT.  
SATURDAY NIGHT NEXT.  
LAST NIGHT! LAST NIGHT!  
LAST NIGHT! LAST NIGHT!

## CARL HERTZ.

MDLLE. DALTON,  
and the  
CINEMATOGRAPHE.  
ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME  
"MEPHISTOPHIS" TARGET.  
QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE  
ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

REDUCED PRICES—  
Dress Circle ..... \$1.00  
Stalls ..... 1.00  
Pit ..... 0.50  
A few stalls reserved at \$1.00  
Book at ROBINSON & CO. PRANO Co.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [439]

## VICTORIA CHAPTER.

No. 525, E.C.

A CONVOCATION OF EMERGENCY OF  
VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at  
the FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-NIGHT,  
the 14th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting  
Companions are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [438]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Company's Chartered Steamship

"NANYANG,"

Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SUNDAY, the 17th instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [518]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE & NAGASAKI.

The Company's Steamship

"HUPH,"

Captain Quail, will be despatched on

TUESDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [515]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA

The Company's Steamship

"ONSANG,"

Captain J. Young, will be despatched as above

on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [517]

## SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Sailing at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND

Ports, and taking through Cargo to

ADLAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the

above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th instant,

at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for

Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber

which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions,

Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the

Electric Light.

A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company

to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return

by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION

COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [516]

## FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

"CLAVERHILL,"

will be despatched as above on or about

the 15th May.

To be followed by

S.S. "MERRIONTHSHIRE," on or about 25th

May.

S.S. "QUEEN MARGARET," on or about 5th

June.

S.S. "ST. NINIAN," on or about 15th June.

S.S. "CRAIGHEARN," on or about 30th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [590]

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID,

SUEZ, ADEN, KURRACHI, BOMBAY,

COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

The Steamship

"TRIESTE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods are being landed at

their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,

Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings Cargo—

From Trieste, via S.S. *Imperatrice* transhipped

at Bombay.

From Venice, via S.S. *Marcelliana*

and *Carletta* transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless

notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be

sent in to the Underwriter before Noon on the

first instant, or they will not be considered.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the first

instant will be subject to rest.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [504]

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Advertisements.

## NAVY LEAGUE.

MR. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., has kindly  
consented to deliver a lecture upon "The  
Life of Nelson and the lessons to be learnt from  
it," in the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 18th  
of April, at 5.15 P.M.  
Captain HASTINGS, R.N., will take the  
chair.

The general public are invited.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
Hon. Secretary.

18, Bank Buildings,  
14th April, 1898. [520]

## DEVONIAN SOCIETY, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the above  
SOCIETY will be held at the HONGKONG  
CLUB on SATURDAY, the 23rd April.  
Devonians desirous of joining the Society  
to apply to the Undersecretary.

R. K. LEIGH,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [519]

## "EXCURSION TO MACAO."

UNTIL Further Notice, the S.S. "HOI  
TONG" Capt. Austin will leave the  
MARKET WHARF EVERY SATURDAY, at  
NOON for MACAO, returning from Macao for  
Hongkong on SUNDAY, at 8 A.M., leaving  
Hongkong again at 6 P.M. same day for Canton.

FARES.	SINGLES.	RETURNS.
1st Class	\$2.00	\$3.00
2nd "	\$1.00	\$2.00
3rd "	50	1.00

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [514]

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.  
SODA WATER.  
LEMONADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
SARSAPARILLA.  
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

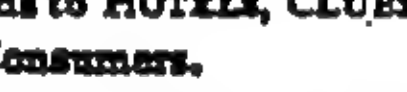
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a daily  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and  
other Large Consumers.

My complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.

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TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY  
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES &amp; SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London  
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in  
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all  
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply  
the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at  
the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest  
prices, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are  
not artificially made from raisins and  
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap  
Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to  
be pure Cognac, the difference in price  
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brand,  
in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "X" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to  
be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1898.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. CURZON, speaking officially in the  
House of Commons on behalf of the  
British Government, announces—

The opening of internal navigation on all the  
rivers of China in the coming summer.....we  
shall be able to take British merchandise in  
British vessels under the British flag, not merely  
to the ports recognized by treaty, but to every  
diversified town and station in the whole of  
China. (Loud applause)

Yes, loud applause, because empty  
heads make the most noise, and they  
speak last who think first. In the same  
speech Mr. CURZON said Yochow, on the  
Yangtze, would be opened two years hence.  
Presumably, until it is opened it remains  
closed. If it is closed, how about Mr.  
CURZON's fine phrases about British mer-  
chandise and ditto ships and ditto flags?   
Moreover, if it is worth while making a  
special agreement about the opening of  
Yochow, presumably the thousand-and-one  
other riverside towns which are not  
specially agreed to be opened will remain  
closed. The two sections of the  
contract contradict each other; and if  
past experience is to be any criterion, the  
anti-British and anti-progressive interpreta-  
tion is the one which will prevail, under  
the benevolent influence of mandarinism  
with the bland approval of the British  
Consular Sinophile Service.

The Daily Press publishes editorially a  
sort of apology for the Government  
officials who have allowed the Colony to  
drift into such a hideously unhealthy con-  
dition and have then eased their consciences  
by attacking the sanitary service of Macao.  
Our morning contemporary does us the  
honour of quoting the Telegraph and saying  
that, while we express a view that is widely  
entertained, our demand that the Colony be  
"rendered uninhabitable to bacteria" is  
meaningless and impossible. Let us  
admit that it is impossible to attain com-  
plete perfection; granting that (which  
should go without saying) we mean that the  
sanitary authorities in Hongkong should  
aim at making the place a less  
fertile nursery for disease-germs, rather  
than hope to escape pestilence by setting  
up barriers against the introduction of  
germs from other places. If Hongkong  
could be entirely cut off from the rest of  
the world, we still have disease enough  
and to spare, disease of our own making,  
germinating in every street and alley-way  
of the town. To-day, again, our reporter  
has been among the search-parties, and has  
found tons and tons of filth that would  
never have been allowed to accumulate  
if Hongkong had a Sanitary Board worth  
the name, a Health Officer up to the mark,  
and a Colonial Surgeon with a practical  
instead of an official mind. It is the per-  
sonality of the responsible individual is an  
important factor. It is desirable to avoid  
reiteration or polemical discussion, in  
face of a danger that may be as ruinous  
to Hongkong as to Bombay; but first and  
foremost it is necessary to insist on one  
basic of operations, one plan of campaign,  
one ruling principle. The ruling principle  
in fighting the ever-inflaming danger of  
epidemics in Hongkong is that Hong-  
kong must be cleaned, or else Hong-  
kong will continue unwholesome. Is that a  
meaningless expression? Is that an im-  
possibility? The sewage that flows over  
Queen's Road Central, opposite the door  
of the principal hotel, to disgust visitors  
from all the world—this must be stopped,  
is that meaningless or impossible? The  
revolving rookeries in D'Aguiar Street  
should be cleaned, not merely when the  
plague is rife, but regularly in times of  
security. Is that meaningless? Is it im-  
possible? The Sanitary Staff should  
send cleansing parties in the known  
nurseries of disease, the poorest and most  
pestiferous parts of the town, not after but  
before the outbreak of epidemic. Is that  
sufficiently plain and practical?

Inspection of all Chinese coming to the  
Colony is impossible, and would be in-  
effective if possible, for a cooie may  
appear in perfect health one day and die of  
plague next day. The period of incuba-  
tion of bubonic plague is about nine  
days. The health of the coolies may be  
tested as far as science knows how  
to test it, but it is impossible to  
examine their clothing and chattels for  
disease-germs. We can build a wall up  
into the sky to keep the Kowloon City  
people from coming here, but we cannot  
stop the wind from blowing. We can  
station gunboats and police pinnaces  
to stop all vessels coming here from  
Canton and Macao and Chinese Sam-  
sulpo, but we cannot stop the tide  
from flowing. And as long as the  
winds blow and the tides flow, a single  
stray microbe may come and find a happy  
hunting-ground in Hongkong, the Isle of  
Fragrant Streams and fearfully fragrant  
smells. Even if we could turn the tides  
and wait the winds away, Hongkong still  
has a putrid atmosphere of its own, fully  
qualified to create as much disease as ever  
we can import. Let Hongkong first be  
cleaned; not only the drains, but the  
houses and stairways and passages and  
subterranean chambers of Chinatown.  
Then, and not until then, will it be time to  
attend to Macao and the remainder of  
the universe.

We have received a long letter in de-  
fence of the Hock Goons, late keepers of  
the "Grand Hotel," a notoriously dis-  
reputable establishment which the Justices  
have now refused to tolerate as a public  
house any longer, even under respectable  
management. We prefer not to publish  
the letter, because it is nothing but a long  
trade against the Justices for believing

the Hock Goons unfit to hold a licence.  
We believe the same, and the present  
letter adduces nothing in refutation. Dis-  
graceful things did occur in connection  
with the Grand Hotel while the Hock  
Goons had it, and we entirely approve  
of the Justices' action in refusing to  
grant them the licence again. The  
only complaint we make against the  
Justices is that, when they have an op-  
portunity to put the licence in the  
hands of a thoroughly deserving man  
who moreover has been putting his hard-  
earned savings into the business on the  
strength of police assurances that there  
would be no opposition to his application,  
they reject him. But we have nothing to  
say in defence of the Hock Goons; the  
Colony can well dispense with such people,  
and there are other licence-holders in  
Hongkong who could be refused a renewal  
of licence without loss to the Colony.  
What we say is that respectable men of  
the class of Mr. HARPER should be encour-  
aged, while all licensed publicans whose  
premises (with or without the knowledge  
of the licensees) acquire such an evil name  
as the Grand Hotel, should be shown little  
mercy. We do not say it was the Hock  
Goons' fault; perhaps it was their misfor-  
tune simply, but the "Grand" did earn a  
most undesirable notoriety, and the  
licensee was responsible.

## REUTERS'S MESSAGE.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 13th.

It is believed that the report of the Senate  
Committee on Foreign Relations in favour of  
declaring the independence of Cuba, demanding  
that the Spanish quit the island, and instructing  
the President to employ all the forces of the  
country to execute these resolutions.  
The Cuban insurgents refuse to accept an  
Armistice.

## PLAGUE STATISTICS.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 13th April,  
12 new cases and 11 deaths from plague were  
reported, making the total since 1st January  
(103 days) 399 cases and 350 deaths.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Our report of to-day's Sanitary Board meeting  
is unavoidably held over.

BROWN: "What makes your nose so red,  
Robinson?"

Robinson: "It glows with pride, sir, at not  
picking itself into other people's business."

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherlove Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—

Collected at Kowloon Dockyard Evening  
Services, 10th inst., per Rev. Mr. Gace.....\$15

Mrs. Intrade: "Where is your father?"

Admit Son: "He is at our shop, waiting his  
edition of Society as I have found it."

Mrs. Intrade: "What? A book?"

Son: "Yes, a ledger, full of unpaid and  
and one lecture debts."

CARL HERTZ performs at the Canton Club  
Theatre to-night and returns here on Saturday,  
to give his farewell performance at the Theatre  
Royal, at reduced prices, namely—dress circle  
\$2, stalls \$1, and pit 50 cents. This should  
attract a full house; besides, his new programme  
is more marvellous than the previous ones.

THE Band of the R. O. L. Regiment will play  
the following programme at the Officers' Mess  
to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture.....Mendelssohn, "Kali Bal."  
Selection.....Mendelssohn, "Kali Bal."  
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THE members of the Staff Sergeants' Mess held  
a very pleasant picnic on Easter Monday. There  
were about 60 people on board the launch, in-  
cluding the members' wives and children. The  
vessel was taken to the mouth of the Canton  
river and an enjoyable time was spent. Ser-  
geants Mellows and Xills were responsible for  
the arrangements and the picnic passed off very  
satisfactorily.

As will be seen by reference to our advertising  
columns, the management of the Peak Hotel  
announces that "Cragleburn" is to be opened on  
June 1st next as an extension of their present  
establishment. "Cragleburn," as many of our  
readers will remember, was originally built for  
a hotel and was suitably suited to the new  
purpose to which it is to be put and will form a  
welcome addition to the hotel accommodation  
at the Peak, which, since the purchase of the  
Mount Austin Hotel by the military authorities,  
has been anything but adequate to the needs of  
the colony. The Peak Hotel has already gained  
a high reputation under the present management  
so there can be little doubt of the new venture  
proving a success.

A YAMKEE bluesjacket named Horn, belonging  
to the Olympia caused a considerable "rumpus"  
in Queen's Road the night before last. The  
man had broken his leave by 6 days and P. C.  
McSwayed spotted him. Mac found he had  
been off more than he could show as about a  
dozen of Horn's comrades came to the rescue.  
P. C. Smith 35 happened along but he and  
Mac were being badly handled, the latter having  
a front tooth broken off and his whistle  
chain dislocated. Just at the critical time, when  
the "cops" were going to be transformed into  
foot balls, Chief Detective Pansen came on the  
scene. He is a little man but very game and  
he set the crowd back in fine style. Horn was  
arrested and taken aboard his ship, where it  
required nearly a whole sergeant's guard of  
marines to keep him in order. The offender has  
the name of being a U. S. Navy middleweight  
and he was wearing a Boston cap-tibbon at the  
time. To give the H. K. Police their due they  
are not blunders when it comes to a real good  
up and down tussle with rowdy bluesjackets.

"MAMMA" asked the little girl, peering in  
between two neat leaves of a book, "however  
did they get the printing in there?"

Mr. Jas. Allen, Manager of the Blackworks at  
Abenden, had an unpleasant experience with  
four refractory privy-victims coupled the other  
night. He wanted to be taken to Victoria and  
they refused. After a "few words" the coolies  
became violent and Mr. Kibby, the foreman,  
was assaulted. One ruffian was just heaving a  
brick which would have caught Allen at the  
back of the head and another European stepped  
in and spoiled his shot, luckily for Allen. Ser-  
geant MacNabb presented the quartette at the  
Magistracy to-day. They were all fined \$7 or  
28 days for disobeying lawful commands and for  
the assault the first and third prisoners got 14  
days' hard labour in addition.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

SPEECH BY THE GENERAL.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps had its an-  
nual inspection parade this afternoon, before  
Major-General Wilson Black, C.B., on the  
Parade Ground, Queen's Road. There was a  
fairly good muster, eight machine guns and six  
field guns, under the command of Major Sir  
John Carrington. The Corps marched into the  
field headed by its own band, before a very  
large crowd of spectators, who were greatly  
impressed by the fine appearance of the men,  
and cheered warmly.







